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Miners' Wages in the West.

The manager from one of the largest mining and smelting companies in B. C. who has given some attention to the labor problem in B.C., recently visited the States, and he says:

"I learned while in California the prices paid in the States for miners and hours of labor. In Leadville, with an altitude of 10,000 feet, the wages are from $2.50 to $3 for 10 hours. They pay $3 in the mines where it is very wet. In California miners are paid $2.50 for 10 hours' work. In Nevada miners are paid $3 for 10 hours' work. In Colorado miners are paid $2.50 to $3 for 10 hours' work. In Utah, where they have the eight hour law, miners are paid $2.50 for eight hours' work. They have had experience with this eight hour law in Utah, and it is condemned by both the miners and the mine owners. They claim down there that eight hours work is too little time to keep the men occupied, and the consequence is they drift around the saloons the balance of the shift, and, of course, get into the habit of drinking more than is useful or good for them. At the same time I was informed that this eight hour law drove away the more ambitious men, who wanted to work 10 hours, to places where they could get a contract, or get $3 per day of 10 hours; that on the whole it has shown itself to be a great mistake to legislate for eight hours' work, as it causes the men to lose three or four hours every day, which means loafing in the saloons, and the men get drinking and spending their money."

MIKADO BRICKS.

[illegible] the Result of [illegible] Day's Run of 20 Stamps

[illegible] the Mikado arrived in town [illegible] a casket of gold bricks, [illegible] day [illegible] with a 20 [illegible] stamp. The [illegible] of the bricks is [illegible] $18,000, and they created a great [illegible] interest when displayed in the window of the Imperial bank. The [illegible] is not trying any record break[illegible] but is simply endeavoring to keep to an average which can be [illegible] upon. The sorting plant was [illegible] operated for a month, but now that the [illegible] which is capable of supplying a 40 stamp mill, has been installed, it will be put in operation again. It is likely that [illegible] will be somewhat

FORTUNE IN STOCKS

Judicious Investments in Mines Make Men Wealthy.

CITATIONS OF INSTANCES OF SUCCESS

ONTARIO GOLD MINES HAVE THE ESSENTIALS FOR MAKING NEW MILLIONAIRES.

Some people read of fortunes being made in mining and wonder how it is that such chances do not come to them. Others read of the way Dame Fortune has shelled out to some lucky individual, and make a wry face because they are not so favored. Each of these persons doubtless can take their memories a little and realize that they, too were called, but did not respond to the importunities of the fickle goddess. They can remember how the Calumet & Hecla stock was offered them for 50 cents a share. But they did not buy because they did not believe copper existed in Michigan anyhow, and those who said it did were swindlers seeking to secure their hard earned money. They in consequence would have none of it. Others there were not so cautious, who did believe what was told them but who understood the value of the copper deposits, who put their savings into the mine, and were [illegible] owners of stock worth thousands of dollars, and some that days enormous dividends each month. For instance $100 invested in that [illegible] cents today is worth $150,000 not to mention the dividends paid for years. It was not luck that gave this magnificent return on a small investment, but just ordinary common sense backed up by a little courage to make the investment.

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The successes in Ontario are the Sultana, which was sold in London last year for $1,375,000; the Mikado, which last year produced $109,500 worth of gold, of which extended mention will be found in its annual report published last week in the THE MINER. The Olive is another mine that is a regular producer, and the same may be said of the Golden Star, which, while a good mine, has been hoodooed from the start, first by the promoters and now by the stock brokers who persist in making it a football from day to day on the stock boards.

There are a number of smaller propositions at work throughout these Ontario gold fields, some of them very meritorious, and which in any other gold mining region would be considered bonanzas, but the big permanent mines of the future here are the low grade propositions, with immense ore deposits, that can be easily and cheaply worked on a large scale. Among such are the Sultana mine, the Olive, the Hammond Reef, the Glass Reef, the Triggs, the Randolph, the Gold Panner, the Combine, the Mikado Peninsula, the Westerfield, the Crown Point, and the tremendously big ore body belonging to the Homestake of Ontario gold mines, now under active development, and which promise to eclipse all other propositions known to fame, such as the Homestake of Dakota, and the Alaska-Treadwell mines, which heretofore have borne the palm for bigness and productiveness in the gold mining world.

It is still possible to secure stock in most of the companies above named at figures nearly down to ground floor basis, and as has been the case in which the [illegible] investments mentioned were purchased. Some of them are now advertising in THE MINER, while others have done so in the past. The contagious public will look up the claims of such mines, will then invest, and will subsequently reap rich rewards. The over-cautious, or the heedless who can never see an opportunity when success comes to others will sneer at the luck of those who took the only path to riches, which is to invest their money, be it much or [illegible] in other investments, [illegible] low and thereby s[illegible]

Excursion to the Goldfields.

The excursion from Buffalo, Detroit, Chicago, St. Paul and other points will arrive at Rat Portage Thursday next. There will be a number of representative men from these cities, and there is no doubt but this excursion will tend to diffuse knowledge of the mining possibilities of western Ontario among the best class of American capitalists, and bring to their attention a new field for legitimate investment. Its results will be far reaching, for each of these men will be a means of directing the attention of their immediate friends in this direction. In the party will also be a number of representatives of the leading papers of the different cities, and the articles they publish on the district will have the advantage of an immense circulation. Very few American publications have ever contained any articles of this district, from the fact that no effort has ever been put forth to supply them with reliable information.

Gold Hills Exploration Co.

T. K. Barnard, M.E., of Toronto, was in town this week and has now gone to inspect some properties of the Gold Hills Exploration Co., in the Ptarmigan bay district. If he finds the veins to be as good as assays would lead him to believe the company will begin opening up the property at once. The Gold Hills Co. has a number of other locations in different parts of this district, some of which are considered very good, and will probably soon start to work opening up some of them.

The Little Bobs.

Development on the location owned by the Little Bobs Mining Co. continues to uncover exceedingly rich ore. Returns from four lots samples put through the amalgamation test this week resulted as follows: Actual gold obtained $2.53, $1.15, $6.10 and $8.05, or values per ton of $50.60, $23, $122 and $161. These are wonderful results and show the splendid worth of the property.

The whole of the 600 lbs. of ore brought in could not be put through this week, owing to a large number of tests being made on the Wendigo ore for Mr. Hunter and his associates, as the last payment on the purchase price on that property has to be made on the results of the tests being made.

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stamp mill. The value of the bricks is about $13,000 and they created a great deal of interest when displayed in the window of the Imperial bank. The mine is not trying any record breaking runs, but is simply endeavoring to keep to an average which can be relied upon. The sorting plant was only operated for a month, but now that the immense crusher, which is capable of supplying a 50 stamp mill, has been installed, it will be put in operation again, so it is likely that next month's output will be somewhat increased.

Temple of Fame.

This production is booked for the Hilliard opera house May 24, and will be presented by local talent, in which a great many of our ladies, who are prominent socially, will participate. The event promises to be very interesting, and will no doubt draw much attention. More extended notice will be given next week.

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The history of mining gives ample evidence of success coming from judicious and careful investments. In fact, while there are failures in mining as there are in all business ventures, yet, where good judgment is used and the same care and caution exercised as is the case usually in other ventures, the percentage of loss is less than in any other line of business. The fact of the matter is that mining today is reduced almost to a science. Given the property, sufficient capital to carry it on to a successful issue, there is no such thing as failure, while the gains to be secured are not at all approachable by any other pursuit. Citations confirming this matter may be multiplied. The instance of Mrs. Chase, of Bangor, Maine, who against the advice of her friends who predicted loss, invested her small saving of $100 in the United Verde copper mine of Arizona. That same investment is now paying her original investment now, of $100,00 per month with the mine only in its infancy, and it is claimed she has refused $34,000 for her holdings. Another instance is that of a Spokane tailor, who took 5,000 shares of the Le Roi mine in British Columbia at 5 cents a share, and after keeping the stock sold it on the reorganization of the company for $50,000 in cash, and the same stock on the new basis of capitalization today in the London market is worth $300,000. The tailor, said to be only the ninth part of a man, took chances and reaped a harvest, while the St. Paul business man who wrote his cheque for $5,000 to pay for one fifth of the same Le Roi mine, and backed out because so advised by his friends, two years later could have had a cool one million dollars in cash for his investment, had he used his own judgment instead of that of his friends of the sort who can see no good come out of Nazareth.

THE MINER cites these cases to show that the business of mining does pay, when one goes about in the right way. But at the same time, we do not wish to be understood as commending all mining ventures, for we do not, any more than we would say that any business enterprise would meet with success. There are mining propositions right in Ontario, good ones, that have been wrecked because of poor management. The capitalization was too low, or the stock frittered away at too low a price, so that the funds necessary for putting the mine on a paying basis, were dissipated before the object sought was attained. Other properties, however, there are, that by careful management and a wise husbanding of the

when the fortunate investments mentioned were purchased. Some of them are now advertising in THE MINER, while others have done so in the past. The courageous public will look up the claims of such mines, will then invest, and will subsequently reap rich rewards. The over-cautious, or the heedless who can never see an opportunity, when success comes to others will sneer at the luck of those who took the only path to riches, which is to invest their money, be it much or little in mining or other investments, while prices are low and thereby secure the advance sure to come, if the same has merit, such as is the case in all the properties mentioned in this article.

THE MINER does not mean to insinuate here that there are no other meritorious properties in these gold fields, for there are plenty of them, most of which have been mentioned frequently in these columns, and which are now omitted because they do not come under the scope of large low grade propositions, such as are particular dealt with in this article.

Stamps for the Wendigo.

Matt Hunter manager of the Wendigo mine, left this week for the east where he goes to consult the directors of the company. It is their desire to place a mill on the property and it is likely that it will be installed at once. The mine has two shafts 100 feet deep which are now being connected on the lower level. The showing is thought to be so good that it is possible the mill will be of thirty stamps. The mine is well equipped with machinery and a 40 foot square boarding house capable of accomodating 60 men has been erected and the property generally put into excellent shape for rushing work.

E. F. Kendall is taking out teams and barges to bring in about 200 tons of ore from the Wendigo which will be put through the Keewatin Reduction Works. The result of this test will be watched with interest.

Mining Land Transfers.

We are informed by Registrar Ap John that many transfers of title are being made at his office in mining lands of this district which is a sure indication that things are moving. It is quite probable that this will result in more development as the change of ownership is an indirect evidence of capital sufficient to carry on the work.

W.C.T.U. Social.

Last night the W.C.T.U. met at the house of Mr. Kelly on Fifth street for a social evening. Quite a large number were present. An interesting program was provided, consisting of songs, recitations, instrumental music and a review of the work done by the W.C.T.U.. Mrs. Clark presided at the meeting. After the social refreshments were served.

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The former amalgamation tests of 270 pounds from the little Bobs gave an average value of $276 per ton for 18 inches of vein. The four tests mentioned above gave an average of $104.15 for three foot wide of ore.

FOSTER ON CANADA

The Eloquent Conclusion of His Great Budget Speech.

UNITY OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

AN INTERESTING ADDRESS BREATHING OF LOYALTY AND UNITY.

The following is the conclusion of Hon. Geo. E. Foster's speech in the budget debate, delivered on March 27. Although this part of the speech does not deal with the budget at all it is not the less, but better worth reading:

"Sir, more than all I think I can congratulate our country, Canada, on the position which she holds today, new and strong and hopeful with her face towards the rising sun and her bosom filled with high thoughts and lofty ambitions. Sir, this Canada of ours was not born in a day, she was not brought forth in a single hour. This Canada of ours, like all other countries that have become great has had her long period of breeding and reparation, as I said, this afternoon, even under clouds and through difficulties. But as sure as she had her period of youth, she is coming out today into the period of a splendid growth and splendid eloquence which shall continue on the shores of the American continent for many and many a long century to come.

"What are the great causes that have played their part in building up this new nation of the north? First, there was political and geographical unity. There were no natural difficulties which daunted the people of this country, and which prevented them from achieving the political and geographical unity of the country. Today that is accomplished. Natural barriers have been overcome, difficulties between the provinces in intercommunication have been vanquished, and today that unity is not simply written on paper, but it is an entity strong and vigorous, which has come to remain, and upon which a splendid development in the future shall be built. But, sir, there is a unity, if not a blending, of race and of creed in this country. There may never come a time when the races and creeds of this country will blend [illegible] but the [illegible] great Imperial power presided over by the matchless queen, to whom we all give our homage and unswerving loyalty.

"One who reads the history of this Canada, four centuries ago, so far as governmental lines were concerned, recalls that what now forms the Dominion of Canada was a great void, without form, without shape, which was beautiful and strong in its vigor, which gradually came to be sought by the adventurers of empire, who landing here and there in scattered places by their enterprises, gradually spread from section to section, to our great lakes, westward, to our prairies and across the mountains, until the spirit of European civilization came to be dominant and strong in that part of this North American continent which now forms the Dominion of Canada. One and a half centuries ago the people of this country were settling the sovereignty of this country along the borders to the south, down to the ports and coasts of the Atlantic, up along the line of the St. Lawrence and ultimately on the plains of Abraham, where Montcalm and Wolfe sanctified the valor of two great peoples. Half a century ago we set up in this country the principle of responsible government upon the remains of the colonial rule. Municipal institutions were being laid up in the different provinces, schools and colleges were being formed and the nucleus of these great productive industries, which, today, dot this country from end of it to the other, from Cape Breton to the Pacific coast, were being established. Thirty years ago the people of this country joined hands from sea to sea, rearing the whole of it into the superstructure of the Dominion of Canada, beneath whose broad roof all the peoples of all the provinces gathered into a common home under a new system. Today we are here, five million strong, enterprising, energetic people, with our lines of railway, 20,000 miles in extent, running through every portion of the country, taking us across the prairies, overstepping the mountains and giving us a great highway from ocean to ocean, with our provinces holding themselves to the united [illegible] and cultivator, [illegible] bread [illegible] which yield their [illegible] income to the struggling and [illegible] who work them, [illegible] are developing into [illegible] of wealth, and [illegible] of by any up to the present time. [illegible] all the resources [illegible] complacently on the past history of the country and with our knowledge of the present we look to the future with hope and ambition and pride. Never, the last last years, [illegible] as it were, a [illegible] night, the first [illegible] of the anthem which British voices have now singing around the wide [illegible]

of $1.10 per ton for mining the ore, and 72 cents per ton for milling, leaving a net profit of $146,010 for the year. From tailings which had a value of $1 per ton, a net profit of 48 cents was realized, the treatment costing 40c per ton; $10,531 was the net profit from the tailings.

The Quincy is the greatest producing gold mine in the world, but it has by no means reached its maximum point as a producer. It is now producing through three shafts—No. 2, 4 and 6. It will not be very long before it begins to produce from No. 7, and No. 8 is rapidly opening up what what is practically virgin gold.

All the mines of Ishpeming have begun shipments. There are the usual stockpiles, they being about the same in tonage as a year ago. The cutting down in the price of steel causes some anxiety to the ore men, but a raise is looked for before mid-summer. It is the general opinion that there is some stock jobbing in the recent big cut.

The John D. Rockfeller interests are organizing several companies in addition to the [illegible] or two they now control [illegible] ing business at Duluth. The [illegible] mens are designed to [illegible] bought up by the Rockfeller interests [illegible] early day. It is [illegible] that have [illegible] publicly passed into their [illegible] have been long [illegible]

We Have the Confidence.

[illegible] in the [illegible] dispensing [illegible] Our patrons are well and [illegible] when they visit our [illegible] are always the lowest [illegible] reliability and value [illegible] Compound is our best [illegible] have the confidence of [illegible] wonderful [illegible] Water command Palmer [illegible] Bradycrotine [illegible] Bradycrotine [illegible] Mass. Druggist [illegible] Mass. [illegible]

President McKinley and Wine.

The N. Y. World says: At the Vermont Methodist Episcopal Conference held at Bellows Falls, Vt., the report of the committee on temperance elicited considerable discussion over the question whether President McKinley was in the habit of drinking wine at banquets.

Referring to this report Bishop Mallalieu made the following statement: "Last November there was a meeting of Methodist bishops in Washington and at that time Bishop Walden had a long talk over the matter with President McKinley as to whether he drank wine at public banquets or not. Afterward Bishop Walden reported to the bishops that President McKinley had said that when he attended banquets he did not turn down the glasses but left them standing and they were filled by the waiters.

"He always had, however, a small glass from which he drank Apollinaris water, but the wine was always in mine I understand."

Something Worthy.

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"Then, there is what you [illegible] unity of a broad and [illegible] tion of the people on [illegible] industry. N[illegible]

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HUMOR

A NATURAL ERROR.

But This Time It Was Made by the Wrong Man.

"I had been occupying a certain room in this house for nearly a year," said a drummer who lives at one of the hotels, "but the other day they gave me the apartment adjoining, which is a trifle larger. Last night I came in rather late and very much preoccupied and when I opened the door was startled to find a strange man with his feet on the bureau, reading a paper. It flashed across my mind instantly that I had gone to my old room by force of habit, and I offered my apologies as gracefully as I could.

"I occupied this room for a long time," I said, "and it comes natural to me to walk right in. I'm very sorry I disturbed you."

"That should certainly have been satisfactory, but the fellow jumped up with a face as black as thunder.

"'Hold on a bit,' he said. 'It strikes me that's a pretty thin excuse.'

"'What do you mean, sir?' said I, getting mad myself.

"'[illegible] I don't believe you're [illegible] he replied, stepping between [illegible] door. 'I've heard of these [illegible] tricks before, and I think I'll [illegible]'

"[illegible] to be taken for a [illegible] man's own hotel, and I [illegible] det'y.

"[illegible] 'Why?' I cried and [illegible] but he jumped [illegible] and rang the bell. Then he squared off a la Jeffries.

"'Come on,' he said, cool as you please. 'The police will be here in a minute, and you have no time to lose.'

"I was just about to sail in when I happened to notice for the first time a lot of my toilet articles on the bureau. I glared around, and there was all my luggage in the corner. By Jove! I was in my own room after all! It was the other fellow who had made the mistake.

"The situation was so absurd that I roared with laughter, and my late antagonist put down his hands and looked puzzled. I made a brief explanation, pointed to the number on the door, and he was the most chagrined individual in 19 states.

"He really belonged across the hall and had mistaken a figure 6 in the door number for an 8. As he took his departure he remarked that he was the biggest fool on the hemisphere and said that he would like to engage a good healthy mule to kick him around the parish for a few days."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Mining Miscellany.

At the Neg[illegible] in the upper Michigan, the [illegible] sinking the new shaft is being [illegible] difficult by a great flow of [illegible] miners and about 25 feet [illegible] and have a hole in the [illegible] which water shows [illegible] ight of 27 feet whenever t[illegible] removed.

"At how gr[illegible] y he worked [illegible] methods, was [illegible] the Do[illegible] [illegible] Utah, [illegible] 128,88[illegible] [illegible] average about $3.70 [illegible] Lead $11.[illegible]

Something Noteworthy.

"What has he ever done to make the world remember him? Nothing—absolutely nothing. He has never"—

"Hold on, now. You're getting ahead of the subject. He's made enough money to keep his heirs fighting and his name in the newspapers for years after he is gone."—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Successful Show.

First Circus Man: How do you manage to fill your show with only six performers?

Second Circus Man: I carry 12 bill posters. New York [illegible]

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WHAT IS YOUR LIFE

Synopsis of an Interesting Sermon by Rev. Mr. Rochester.

PREACHED IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY EVENING LAST—DO WHAT OUR MIGHT WHAT OUR HANDS FIND TO DO.

James 4:14. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

The question propounded here is one well calculated to excite thought. The result of such thinking would be most gracious. An investigation into the matter under the guidance of this question would solve and steady the most giddy and careless. Such enquiry would help us all.

The question has to do not with the character and meaning of life, but with its duration. It is a question of quantity, not as to quality. "How long is life?" is the same enquiry in another form.

The answer is most suggestive. It says the life does not amount to much so far as time is concerned. It is a vapor which appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away. In the light of this is a conception of life [illegible] to an extraordinary degree. Bibles. Hear the words of Jacob before Pharaoh: "The days of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years; few and evil have the days of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage." [illegible]

[illegible] thought in regard to the brevity of life [illegible] religious we find utilized [illegible] impressive setting [illegible]

ourselves in relation to our days and hours. If time is precious let us use it to the best advantage. What a sin either to trifle or especially to be reckless with and prodigal of time. Think of Jesus' strenuous spirit. When about to heal the blind he thus expressed himself: "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work." No man can contemplate who views life thus. Let us be real. Let us be earnest. Shall we permit life to pass without something accomplished? Life is for doing, not for dreaming. A fitting motto it was to place upon a sun dial: "Begone about your business." This view of life will teach us to do with our might what our hands find to do.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Not one drop of intoxicating liquor is allowed to be sold at any of the military camps of Canada.

A club is now being formed in Paris the members of which swear never to shake hands with any one unless wearing gloves.

Fifteen years ago native Christians could rarely find employment in India. Now they are preferred by contractors because they do more and better work than the heathen.

In honor of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of Brazil in M[illegible] 1900, there will shortly be a special issue of stamps as follows: Discovery of Brazil, 100 reis; golden [illegible] 200 reis; abolition, 500 reis; republic, 700 reis.

The earldom of Dartmouth is the latest peerage to be threatened with a lunatic." The "right" heir is said to be found, it seems, in William [illegible]ge, an employee of the Capital Planing Mills, Ottawa, who has served an apprenticeship to a gardener.

A newly married couple in Portland, Me., who are both deaf and are trying housekeeping without a servant, have devised an ingenious substitute for a door bell. When a caller presses the button, all the lights in the house flash up and the occupants are thus made known.

Lathrilling Tyrs.

A penny novelette [illegible] about the heroine [illegible] in her eyes. In the second [illegible] "complete story" this is [illegible]

"She threw her eyes up to the ceiling. Then she dropped them out on the floor. And in the rush [illegible] them and again she lowered them."

"She made her eyes flash fire."

"Her eyes burned."

"Her eyes froze."

[illegible]

BREVITIES

PERSONALITIES.

Daniel Lamont's private fortune is now said to reach $5,000,000.

Four Richardsons and six of their relatives have been governors of South Carolina.

The Abbe Picard of Lyons has published a pamphlet in which he claims that Gladstone was at heart a Roman Catholic.

Rudyard Kipling has an American double in the person of William L. Becker of Chicago. The likeness is said to be perfect.

Ex-President Pierola of Peru is said to be the richest man in South America, being possessed of a fortune estimated at $50,000,000.

Two of the sons of James J. Hill are vice presidents of railroads. Both have been carefully trained in the business by their father.

The late Sir Francis Burdett once received an election bill from his agent in which was the item, "To extraordinary anxiety on your account, £500."

Henry W. Corbett, United States senator from Oregon, went to New York in 1844 and worked in a store in Catharine street for $3.50 a week. He slept under the counter, swept the store and saved $1 a week.

Ex-Speaker Reed denies the rumor that he has sold his country place at Garden Beach, Me., and his town house in Portland. He expects, he says, to spend his summers at the former place for some years to come.

The William Henry Harrison homestead at North Bend, Ind., the home of the first president produced by this family and [illegible] place of the second, is said to [illegible] purchased by P. D. [illegible] packer [illegible] be renominated, wi[illegible] president to be [illegible]

[illegible] was de[illegible] a pe[illegible] day in [illegible] so [illegible] Horse, has [illegible] on [illegible]

[illegible] Dew[illegible] [illegible] the twelfth [illegible] of last year [illegible] of a monthly pa[illegible] review of The Gamble [illegible]

Lad Lad[illegible] [illegible] at the Mu[illegible] of B[illegible] [illegible] Lad Henry [illegible] Lad[illegible]

Trouble Ahead.

"Dat's all right, kid, laff. But de day'll come when youse knows de pangs of unrequited love."—New York Journal.

MORTGAGE SALE OF A DWELLING PROPERTY

[illegible]

[illegible] thought in all [illegible] metaphors is the brevity of life. [illegible] of these figures we find utilized [illegible] following impressive setting of [illegible]:

> [illegible]
> [illegible] swept under all,
> [illegible]
> [illegible] upon its prey,
> [illegible] arrow in its flight,
> [illegible] the long sighing leaves,
> [illegible] flitted by the door,
> [illegible] shadow on a stream,
> [illegible] day,
> [illegible] a winter's day,
> [illegible] a weaver's shuttle fleeting away.
> [illegible] life is but a winter's day,
> [illegible] a broken or an aspen leaf of [illegible]
> [illegible] man but expanded gossamer,
> [illegible] dwellers upon the earth,
> [illegible] are but as the grass which flourisheth in the morning, may
> [illegible] a vapor, appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away,
> [illegible] a swift ship,
> [illegible] a vessel that passeth over the waters, as a shadow that passeth away,
> [illegible] a tale that is told,
> [illegible] a dream,
> [illegible] a watch in the night,
> [illegible] at the rising light,
> [illegible] a tale, that is told,
> [illegible] of a flower,
> [illegible] of grass to-day,
> [illegible] to-morrow is cast into the oven,
> [illegible] of a weaver,
> [illegible] of a shepherd,
> [illegible] of a tale that is told.

The brevity of life in individual cases is quaintly yet fruitfully presented in this pithy fragment:

> [illegible] a winter's day,
> [illegible] a book of an aged man,
> [illegible] day and are full of [illegible]
> [illegible] man but expanded gossamer,
> [illegible] who lounges on the deck
> [illegible] the coast has the last step.

When we soberly reflect upon life in the light of what we have seen and fully sense and hear we cannot but conclude that the thought of this passage is the teachings of the Bible are true. Our tenure of life is brief at the longest, and it is very uncertain. If therefore this be so, and this fact comes home to us with strong conviction, what effect it produces. If we truly hold this view Bible it will surely manifest itself in this way will the thought appear. We shall make sure our neighbor. This is the Christian's [illegible] first so far from death and [illegible] introduces him to a glorious [illegible] All who have sinned [illegible] God and Father of our [illegible] Christ, which according to [illegible] God, hath begotten us [illegible] hope [illegible] inheritance and [illegible] reserved in heaven for us, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. [illegible] Christ [illegible] which is first and great [illegible] the soul whither [illegible] is for us gone." 2. We [illegible] worldly. The [illegible] soberly to act earthly [illegible] completely absorb [illegible] they will not sup [illegible] sections. The [illegible] be parable of the [illegible] Very clear and [illegible] was prosperous. He [illegible] pull down his barns and [illegible] then I will to store his goods [illegible] however a sudden [illegible] night's [illegible] of time." And [illegible] put in these [illegible] happiness [illegible] view of life teaches [illegible] son things [illegible] the earth. 3. We [illegible] discontent. To [illegible] of life its ills seem [illegible] distress [illegible] The [illegible] in nation [illegible] any [illegible] Africa have [illegible] in nights pra[illegible] They endure [illegible] course. They [illegible] for the company. On [illegible] we are spared when at [illegible] journey [illegible] a few [illegible] no more.

We shall make life more earnest. [illegible] count we ought to husband [illegible] sin if practised on [illegible]

A penny novelette is never complete without the heroine "[illegible] grave [illegible] tears on her eyes. In the course of one "complete story" this is what she did:

"She threw her eyes up to the ceiling. Then she dropped them on the floor. Again she raised them and again she lowered them."

"She made her eyes flash fire."

"Her eyes burned."

"Her eyes froze."

"Her eyes glowered like burning coals."

"She cast her eyes to his feet, then dropped them to the floor."

"His eyes crossed hers and greedily devoured them."

"But at last her eyes had their revenge, for we read, "Her eyes betrayed her."—Tit-Bits.

HOW RELIEF CAME.

A WELLAND COUNTY MAN'S INTERESTING EXPERIENCE.

He had Suffered for Years From Kidney Trouble—Many Medicines were Tried but Failed—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Saved Him.

Mr. James Upper, of Allanburg, is a [illegible] well known Welland County man. Mr. Upper is proprietor of the village hotel [illegible] and is a better landlord never existed to a traveller's wants. Mr. Upper's [illegible] also extends over Ontario as a sequel to his experience in Orange and Massachusetts. His present vocation is farming and in this calling he has been very successful. Mr. Upper has been a sufferer for years from kidney trouble and began to think that good health had altogether passed him by. At the time came when he found a complete cure and is again strong, happy and vigorous. In regard to Mr. Upper's sickness and cure he says: "In December 1887 I was prostrated with a severe attack of kidney trouble. Previous to this I was slightly affected in the same way, but at this time matters came to a climax as the result of exposure and over exertion. For my part I suffered [illegible] the pains in my back were terrible. I gradually grew worse and was compelled to keep my bed for months. I had considerable fever and [illegible] for food. was [illegible] reduced in flesh. The pains only grew more intolerable, I got little sleep, was left weak and exhausted, and despaired of getting well. Different remedies were tried without benefit. Finally I was persuaded to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and procured six boxes. This was about March 1st, 1888. I took the pills faithfully and at the end of two months I felt well again and able to attend to my work. The following autumn I experienced a slight recurrence of the trouble and again used a few boxes of the pills and now consider my cure complete, as a year has since passed and I have not experienced a pain or ache. I am now able to follow farming pursuits with perfect ease. My wife also speaks as warmly in favor of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and do, having used them for headache, dizziness and loss of appetite, the pills always giving comfort and relief. Since my illness I have learned that a good remedy is none the less good because its cost was so much less than expected."

Cyclopedia of French law, the twelfth volume of which came out last year. He is also the editor of a monthly political-literary review called The Grande Revue.

Lord Londonderry carries on a coal yard, the Marquis of Bute owns a vineyard that he profits by commercially, Lord Sudeley farms many an honest [illegible] and Lord Harrington has a fruit stand at Charing-Cross, London.

THE TURF REVIEW.

King of Diamonds set a new track record of 2:15¼ in the free for all at Fonda, N. Y.

In an exhibition at Leeco lowered the Norwich (Conn.) track record the other day from 2:17¾ to 2:16.

The Iowa mare Sarah S, 2:09¾, by Tangent, 2:18½, has always been handled by her owner, Mr. Wallace.

When Quarter King took a record of 2:25¼ at Urbana, O., he gave his sire, Quartermain, 2:20, his first performer.

True Chimes, 2:12¼, driven by his owner, A. E. Perren, Buffalo, recently stepped a half at Rendville to wagon in 1:02½.

In the third heat of the free for all trot and pace at Pittsfield Terrill S placed the Maine half mile track record at 2:13½.

Bourbon Sneak, owned by James Callahan, Milwaukee, set a new National park track record at Milwaukee, Sept. 8, by stepping a half in 1:05. The former record was 1:06, made by Senator Mitchell.

D. A. Snell, New Bedford, Mass., tried the other day to lower the stallion record, trotting, 2:05¼, with Jupe, 2:10¼. He had the horse at Charter Oak and drove him in 2:07½. Mr Snell is 73 years old.

The black gelding Lexington gave a gideless exhibition during the 2:17 race at the Maine state fair, Lewiston. He ran away twice, each time dumping O'Neil, and once circled the track five times before being caught.

While scoring in the first heat of the free for all at St. Albans, Vt., the bit broke in Red Elm's mouth, and the horse ran away around the track. As he passed the judges' stand the bell was tolled, and he stopped.—Horseman.

SALUTATIONS.

"How are you?" That's Swedish.

"How do you are?" That's Dutch.

"How do you stand?" That's Italian.

"Go with God, señor." That's Spanish.

How do you live on?" That's Russian.

"How do you how yourself?" That' Polish.

"How do you carry yourself?" That's French.

"Thank God how are you?" That's Arabian.

"Be under the guard of God." That's Ottoman.

"How do you perspire?" That's Egyptian.

"How do you do?" That's English and American.

"May thy shadow never grow less." That's Persian.

"How is your stomach? Have you eaten your rice?" That's Chinese.

[illegible] will be sold at Public Auction at the Billiard House in the Town of Rat Portage, by Howard Barnes, Auctioneer, on Tuesday, the 5th day of June, A.D. 1900, at 10 hour of 12 o'clock, noon, the following valuable dwelling property, namely:

Lot Number Two (2) and the South 40 feet (157 ft.) of Lot number three (3) as shown on Plan of a portion of the Western Lumber Company's Mill Location filed in the Office of Land Titles at Rat Portage as Plan M.41.

Upon the said premises is erected a one story framed dwelling house 12 feet by 24 feet, conveniently situated near planing and saw mills.

TERMS: Twenty per cent. of purchase money at the time of sale, and the balance in 30 days thereafter.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to

ALLAN McLENNAN,
Barrister, etc.,
Solicitor for the Vendors.

Dated at Rat Portage this 26th day of April, A.D. 1900.

JUDICIAL SALE of Mining Property in the District of Rainy River.

PURSUANT to an order of the High Court of Justice in an action of McKenzie vs. American Canadian Gold Mining Company and George Henry Hillyer and McCormick vs. The American Canadian Gold Mining Company, there will be offered for sale with the approbation of Thomas W. Chapple, Esquire, Local Master, at Rat Portage, by Mr. Howard Barnes, Auctioneer, at the Russell House, in the Town of Rat Portage, at 12 o'clock noon, on Saturday, the 2nd day of June, 1900, all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the Seine River Mining District, registered as parcel 1062 in the Land Titles Office at Rat Portage otherwise known as the "Allie A" Mine. The property has been developed to a considerable extent. Reports in regard to the development of this location may be found in the Reports of the Bureau of Mines for 1898 at page 129, and in the report of the Bureau of Mines 1899 at pages 16 and 91.

The property will be offered for sale subject to a reserved bid.

The purchaser shall pay 10 per cent. of his purchase money at the time of sale to the vendors or their solicitors, and the balance in 30 days thereafter into Court to the credit of this action without interest.

The vendors will not be required to furnish any certificate of title or abstract or other documents not in their possession. In all other respects the terms and conditions of sale will be the standing conditions of the Court.

Further particulars may be had from J. Edward Bird, Solicitor, Rat Portage; H. J. F. Sissons, Solicitor, Fort Frances; Allan McLennan, Solicitor, Rat Portage; Langford & Moran, Solicitors, Rat Portage, or from

T. W. CHAPPLE,
Local Master, H. C. J.
Rat Portage.

JUDICIAL SALE of Mining Property in the District of Rainy River.

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The property will be offered for sale subject to a reserved bid. The purchasers shall pay 10 per cent. to the vendors or their solicitors at time of sale and the balance within 30 days thereafter into Court to the credit of this action without interest.

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NORTH SHORE GOLD MINING.

New York Capital Attracted to the Lake Superior Region.

The following article taken from the Toronto Globe of the 8th instant tells of a deal of great importance to Western Ontario as it means the attraction of a lot of New York capital to this region of great low-grade gold ore bodies. If the test turns out satisfactorily, and of that there can be little doubt judging from Mr. Chipman's report it will result in the opening up of at least one more big one, and may be the means of starting others to work. The company is [illegible] style which is welcomed in [illegible] and its progress will be watched by all interested in the di[illegible]

A number of New York and [illegible] capitalists have associated [illegible] together with Henry Sauna[illegible] as president, and the Hon. L. S. Hardy as vice-president, to [illegible] remarkable quartz deposit [illegible] east of Jack Fish bay, on the north shore of Lake Superior. It is only within the past year or two that anything has been done in this district, although Logan, Bowson and their successors in the Geological Survey have all pointed out how extensive in this district are the indications [illegible] in paying quantities. When the New Yorkers received the report of Mr. Chipman, their engineer, they were quite astonished that a field so promising had so long remained unoccupied, and Mr. Hirshfield, the general manager of the Lee Mining Company, came on to make arrangements for immediate development. He has had experience in the mining fields of the Pacific for many years, and [illegible] the report of his engineer believes that this portion of the Thunder Bay district will be found on further exploitation to contain one of the most important fields of low-grade free-milling ore on the continent.

adding materially to our funds: the request for pickles and fruit for the hospital was generously responded to.

We have held 11 monthly meetings with an average attendance of seven, two special meetings, and a number of committee meetings.

We are indebted to the press for kindly publishing many of our notices free of charge; to the band which each year has given its services, and also to those friends who gave their assistance with the carnival, and to all who have made the work of the Hospital Aid Society easier and a pleasure to those connected with it. All of which is respectfully submitted.

LYNN E. [illegible], Sec.

The treasurer of the Women's Aid Society, Miss M. [illegible], presented the annual statement of the society's affairs for the year ending April 30, 1900. Following is a statement of receipts and expenditures:

Balance in bank May 1, 1899	$217 [illegible]
Collected by Miss M. [illegible]	12 [illegible]
Donations	[illegible]
Membership fees	82 [illegible]
Entertainment	[illegible]
Bank interest	[illegible]
	$715 [illegible]
EXPENDITURES.	
Stationery	$ 1 [illegible]
Affiliation fees W. L. [illegible]	[illegible]
Entertainment expenses	74 [illegible]
Blinds for hospital	75 [illegible]
Requisites for hospital	58 27
Grant to Directors	150 [illegible]
Balance in bank	[illegible]
	$715 [illegible]

THE NEWS FROM KEEWATIN.

The Keewatin (Ont.) Co. put on their night gang Wednesday. They will now run day and night and employ about one hundred men.

The steamer Shaftesbury after being thoroughly refitted and repaired and no doubt equipped the best and fastest steamer on the Lake, will run the first excursion of the season Saturday evening to the [illegible] stations have been sent out and it is expected there will be a large [illegible].

Mr. Wren, the genial postmaster and teacher has been convalescent this week, we are glad to say he is improving.

Snider & [illegible] bought the stock lately owned by J. S. Dodds at Norman. They are advertising special bargains. Mr. Snider will manage the branch store at Norman.

SELECTIONS

BORROWING ON TREES.

How Vast Sections of Yellow Pine Land Are Being Acquired.

From time to time during the past year attention has been called to the large purchases of yellow pine land which were being made in the Louisiana and Mississippi timber belt by lumbermen from the northwest.

Enormous tracts have been acquired at prices ranging from $5 to $15 an acre, and a number of deals of that character are at present in course of negotiation. In many cases the land has been purchased apparently as a mere investment, and not long ago a sale was mentioned in The Times-Democrat in which the buyer stated that he proposed to hold the property as a legacy for his children. It is likely that there were others who had a similar purpose in mind.

It is an undeniable fact that the pine districts of the northwest are being rapidly "cut out," and the date of their exhaustion is a matter of easy computation. This, taken in connection with the remarkable boom in lumber, makes it highly probable that a good deal of the timber land buying which has recently been going on has been of a speculative character. It is said on good authority that much of the property acquired has been bought with money borrowed on the standing trees, and in several instances the loans were actually larger than the price paid for the land.

In this connection Manager J. A. Blaffer of the New Orleans Progressive Lumberman tells an interesting story.

"[illegible] ago," he said, "I met a [illegible] gentleman who is in the lumber business in Minnesota. He [illegible] for the purpose of buying a large [illegible] of yellow pine land, and in the course of conversation it developed [illegible] which was [illegible] the money for [illegible] about [illegible] years [illegible] are [illegible] Europe [illegible] in this on a [illegible] M. W. [illegible] W. [illegible] Congress.

came on to make arrangements for immediate development. He has had experience in the mining fields of the Pacific for many years, and from the report of his engineer believes that this portion of the Thunder Bay District will be found on thorough exploitation to [illegible] one of the most important fields of low-grade free-milling ore on the continent.

The company has a [illegible] in the district, having 32 patented claims of 10 acres each, and Mr. Hirschfield told a representative of [illegible] that it was the intention to sink a [illegible] department shaft at a [illegible] the property where a vein [illegible] regarded as a true fissure [illegible] the larger bodies of low-grade [illegible] veins of which run in [illegible] tions.

"The difficulty," said [illegible] with your Ontario gold [illegible] they are so near [illegible] looked by capitalists. [illegible] point of beginning operations [illegible] New York corporation in Alaska [illegible] this matter was brought before [illegible] and it was decided to go [illegible] into it. I am on my way up [illegible] now, and if the enthusiasm [illegible] Mr. Chapman should be [illegible] suits a great deal of New York [illegible] Boston capital that would [illegible] an outlet at Nome and [illegible] points will be turned [illegible] of your north shore mines [illegible] be once shown that the [illegible] grade paying proposition [illegible] gion there is no limit to [illegible] that can be obtained for [illegible] We shall at any [illegible] money to throw [illegible] of the propo[illegible] we believe, w[illegible] [illegible]

WOMEN'S HOSPITAL AID.

Financial Statement and Secretary's Report for Year Ending April 30 1900

During the [illegible] society has [illegible] has assisted [illegible] ways. We have been [illegible] to supply all the mattresses [illegible] to put outside blinds [illegible] making the building more comfortable for both [illegible] and patients also to supply a [illegible] gave assistance to the [illegible] two occasions [illegible]

Money has been collected in different ways, and [illegible] pleased to state that any call has been cheerfully met and many contributions gratefully received. The resources have been the house to house collections which constitutes the membership fees the informal dance given in the boat house, the use of the building being kindly donated by the Rowing Club; one of our members gathered a goodly sum by the sale of a scripture cake recipe. The Rodney Quartette kindly donated the proceeds of their concert; in February we held the third carnival given by the society, the money realized

will be a large [illegible]

Mr. Wren [illegible] and teacher has been [illegible] this week, we are [illegible] improving.

Snider & E[illegible] have bought the stock lately owned by [illegible] Dodds at Norman. They are [illegible] bargains. Mr. Snider will manage the branch store at Norman.

Mr. L. R. Mack [illegible] of boats, the Regina, Rowena, C[illegible]fison, Lottie S, and the [illegible] will left to bring down [illegible] party and Rat Portage [illegible]

The Misses [illegible] Rat Portage were over [illegible] Mr. Robt. Gilchrist last Sunday.

The Book [illegible]

A crowd [illegible] placed in the Keewatin [illegible] mill. A large number [illegible] making their [illegible] city at night.

Geo. McK[illegible] Tom Walker [illegible] Sunday [illegible] the mo[illegible] White [illegible] pping [illegible] Lost Arrow [illegible]

Walter W[illegible] been suffering from a [illegible] the [illegible] arrived [illegible] he treated [illegible] hospital [illegible]

Bronchitis

Mr. Willi[illegible], Druggist, St. Andrews, [illegible] states: "[illegible] Dr. Chase's Syrup [illegible] cured me [illegible] I had [illegible] Chase's [illegible] and [illegible] Bronchial troubles [illegible] 25 cents a [illegible]

A Good Scheme.

[illegible] opened to [illegible] He [illegible] had [illegible] through [illegible] had [illegible] the hous[illegible] was forced to [illegible] night. That was too bad. [illegible] but we have up made it [illegible] for the [illegible] to well [illegible] other [illegible]—Boston Traveller.

Plenty of Them.

Romantic Tourist—I suppose you have no interesting old ruins in this [illegible]

Manager Northern—Great Scott, mister! I can show you more'n two dozen [illegible] in this county that used to be [illegible] in the old days 'fore the [illegible]

At First Sight.

"Do you believe in love at first sight?" she asked.

"That's the only way it's possible," answered the old bachelor. "Second sight would utterly destroy it."—Chicago Post.

A Mistake.

Hooter—I hear that the Columbia has struck a rock.

Rooter—No; it's only a Sham-rock. She'll sail around that all right.—Washington Post.

i need.' I expressed some surprise, and he answered me there was nothing unusual about the transaction. 'Any man with a straight record,' he said, [illegible] now whatever he needs on Louis[illegible]

[illegible] statement was fully confirmed by [illegible] of the best-known millinery [illegible] was spending a few days in New Orleans.

"The northwestern bankers know all about Louisiana pine land," he said, "and regard it as tiptop security. I was talking only a few days ago with a surveyor, who came down from Lacrosse, Wis., for the particular purpose of making a report on some property that recently came in the market. It is surprising [illegible] with what accuracy these estimates are prepared. By the time the surveyor gets through he knows almost a thousand feet what [illegible] upon, and he tells me that there is no hesitation about advancing the money."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

American Diamonds.

Microscopic small diamonds have been found among the ridges of gravel and clay thrown from the north in the wake of the glaciers and scattered over the bordering on the great lakes. Prof. Hobbs of the University of Michigan thinks that these diamonds come from some place in Canada and in tracing back the lines of advance of the glaciers the original location of the gems may be discovered. An effort to carry out Professor Hobbs' suggestion is to be made, and Professor H. L. Fairchild of the University of Rochester, Professor I. C. Russell of the University of Michigan, Professor G. K. P. Idlipps of the University of Chicago and Professor O. C. Farrington of the Field Columbian [illegible] will co-operate by examining [illegible] charge suspected gems found [illegible] along near the glacial [illegible]

Tauric Acid.

[illegible] acid, a new [illegible] discovery [illegible] from tauric moss, a [illegible] usually found growing [illegible] rocks and the roots of trees [illegible] throughout the country, has been found to possess properties which will render it invaluable as a solvent of metals. Gold, silver, steel, aluminium and lead when immersed in the acid become pliable and ductile as putty. The advantages it presents for workers in metal, more especially jewelers, are readily apparent. Designs can be moulded by the hands alone without the use of assistance of heat. Strange to say, however, the acid has no effect upon iron.

William and the Dome.

Paul Wallott, the German who has come to this country to act as jury-man in a competition for the designs for buildings to suit the needs of the University of California, is perhaps the most prominent architect in Germany. When he was chosen to design the building in Berlin where the parliament met, his plans were fearfully mangled by the emperor. Wallott wished that the assembly room of the reichstag should be indicated by a dome. But the emperor regarded this as a reflection on himself, and, declaring that the people of Germany were not sovereign, he forbade the dome.

this week looking over some mining properties.

Chas. Brent, M. E., was at Eagle lake this week on a professional trip in the interests of an eastern syndicate.

H. E. Kyle was in from Deagmark lake, leaving Monday morning with a team of horses and a big lot of supplies for the Anglo-Canadian Mining Company.

T. Breidenbach, manager of the Sinclair mine, is in town today.

Test the Urine

If you have backache and there are brick dust deposits found in the urine after it stands for 24 hours you can be sure the kidneys are deranged. To effect a prompt and positive cure and avoid Bright's disease, suffering and death use Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, the world's greatest kidney cure.

It has not yet been decided definitely by the Rowing Club to get up an opera for presentation on July 1, as there is so little time to get the work done that it is almost impossible to do it. Mr. Kyle says he hasn't time to give to the work. The matter will probably be decided next week.

Talked About

[illegible] Macdonald, mine manager [illegible] Project, was in town last week.

W. G. McLean has returned from [illegible] Toronto and Montreal.

Mr. Schwartz, of the Lake of the Woods Brewery, has gone to Fort [illegible] and river points on a business [illegible]

[illegible] Mackay, Keewatin has been [illegible] new home. She was christened [illegible] Gwain.

[illegible] Smith has returned from a [illegible] Toronto and other eastern points.

Mr. Taylor, of the firm of Taylor, [illegible] & Co., merchants, left Wednesday night on the Keewatin for Minnipeg. He took a large supply of goods with him.

Miss A. Johnson left Saturday night for a couple of months' vacation at her home in Quebec. She will resume her position as teacher in the [illegible] school on her return.

Mr. [illegible] Wynne arrived from [illegible]

E. P. [illegible]well, Dominion Express messenger, was in town Tuesday.

Deputy Sheriff C. H. Carpenter is [illegible] and Wabigoon summoning [illegible] for the June sessions.

[illegible] returned Wednesday [illegible] his quarries at Tyndall.

[illegible] left by the Keewatin [illegible] for Fort Frances.

[illegible] Arlington arrived here from [illegible] Minn. and leaves with a party of prospectors for the lake next week.

that the comedy called for, and none more so than Mr. Milne, under whose direction the parties taking part had rehearsed for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Dean as Cheviot Hill had a difficult role, and he surprised everyone with his easy manner free from staginess. He had a difficult part, being on the stage almost continuously from the rise of the curtain. Mr. Carpenter, as Belvawney, had a splendid make-up and took the part assigned to him in a splendid manner. As the protector of Cheviot Hill from matrimonial complications he did good work, but eventually got entangled in the net himself. Mrs. Godwin as Maggie, a Lowland lassie, was the part itself, and few could suggest any improvement. Mr. Wilson as Angus Macalister, a peasant in love with Maggie, presented the typical Lowland Scotch character with his class ability. Mrs. Gunne's delineation of Bel la Treherne, whose position [illegible] aged to compel [illegible], was a [illegible] feature of the play. Mr. Palmer as Sympertson, had hardly got all the credit coming to him for splendid work, though there was nothing lacking in his make-up. Miss Fisher, as Minnie, Sympertson's daughter, and Miss Livingston, as Pauline, Minnie's friend, performed difficult parts well. Mrs. Chisholm as Mrs. McFarlane, a Lowland widow, played her part with a easy manner. In Mr. VanKoughnet, Miss Friedlay, a distinguished soloist, was [illegible] in good form.

The performance has been highly commented on that, and solicitation from a number of people has been received to have it repeated in aid of the India famine fund. The date is fixed for Thursday evening next. Those who were unable to be present at the first performance will have another opportunity. Besides the cause is a most worthy one.

ROWING.

Great Interest Manifested. New Boats Will be Here in Ten Days.

The interest in rowing still continues unabated. The boys are working in earnest and are rapidly [illegible] into shape. The new men are putting forth their energy in an endeavor to learn the art, and some are succeeding well. The boys' club promised to develop into something pretty fast, but the capsize upsetting incident of Sunday has forced one of the members to abandon rowing. The big four have got their muscle up, and are now endeavoring to cultivate wind. The four oared shell are taken out occasionally, but the pair oared boat is very much overworked at present.

possible to make all purchases necessary in the time in which the stores would be kept open. And in doing this Rat Portage would only be following the example of other cities.

Young—McRitchie.

Mr. T. C. Young and Miss Anna Belle McRitchie were united in holy matrimony Wednesday evening at 9[illegible] at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. Mr. Rochester. The bridesmaid was the youngest sister of the bride, Miss Christie McRitchie, while the groom was assisted by Mr. David Guthrie. A few friends of the bride and groom were present. The happy couple left yesterday morning for their new home at Laggan, Alberta, where their many Rat Portage friends will wish them much happiness. They will visit for a few days with friends in Winnipeg and Bagot, Man.

Boys' Brigade.

The co[illegible] Wednesday evening in Knox ch[illegible] given by the Boys' Brigade w[illegible] crowded and a very pleasing [illegible] resulted. The drill was fine [illegible] a credit upon their in[illegible] Mr. Wood. Mr. Ro[illegible] on Little Bobs [illegible] being well [illegible] W. M. Rose [illegible] an origin[illegible] was vigorously encor[illegible] Clark and Jones [illegible] Johnson [illegible] Miss Moor[illegible] of Soldiers of the Q[illegible] Maple Leaf, the boys [illegible] Miss Wood played the [illegible] Mr. Moor was [illegible] entertainment [illegible] great [illegible] they were able to take an outing at camp.

GOLD PANNER

Work Being Rushed. Mill Now Nearly Covered In.

NORTH STAR IS THREE SUNS.

No Eye at the Telescope Can See Them, but the Camera Proves It.

The news from Lick observatory that the North Star, 275,000,000,000 miles away from us, has been found to be not one star, but three, swinging around in great orbits like the moon, earth and sun, is another remarkable result of the application of photo spectroscopy to the telescopic study of the heavens. Always fascinating, the search for double and multiple stars has become of the highest interest since the spectroscope has made it possible to discover multiple stars which the greatest telescopes do not reveal to the eye. The three components of Polaris cannot be seen with the most powerful telescope in the world. But the Lick star spectroscope attached to the great 36 inch refractor, makes it plain that there are suns revolving about a sun where the eye distinguishes but one twinkling light.

Ten years ago at the Harvard university observatory the first photo spectroscopic multiple star was discovered unexpectedly. The star Mizar, the middle star of the handle of the Big Dipper, has been called a "naked eye" double because it has a visible companion, Alcor, close to it. But Riccioli in 1650 discovered with the telescope that Mizar had a telescopic double. Mizar seems to have been the first double star discovered with a telescope. The apparent distance between Mizar and Alcor is [illegible] 40 times the distance [illegible] the eye sees [illegible] Mizar [illegible] telescope shows [illegible] Between Mizar and Alcor [illegible]

[illegible] Mizar [illegible] telescope revealed two stars [illegible] Mizar [illegible] telescope [illegible] In other places the [illegible] was [illegible] A close study of all the plates [illegible] that [illegible] was [illegible] days. The period [illegible] the large component of Mizar was really two stars. A spectroscope taken [illegible]

E. J. Burnell, Dominion Express passenger, was in town Tuesday.

Deputy Sheriff C. H. Carpenter is in Dryden and Wabigoon summoning jurors for the June sessions.

W. Garson returned Wednesday from Kisis to his quarries at Tyndall.

A. W. Humble left by the Keenora Wednesday for Fort Frances.

W. Partington arrived here from Roland, Man., and leaves with a party of prospectors, for the lake next week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Schragge have come from Winnipeg.

Judge Chapple left on Wednesday for Port Arthur.

Mr. Dodds, foreman of the Lumber Camps, has returned to town for supplies. He says the streams running into Rainy river are very low, and great difficulty has been experienced in floating the logs.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson, of Pictou, are visiting at their daughter Mrs. R. Bridges.

A W.C.T.U. social was held at the residence of Mrs. J. Kelly, last evening.

Revd. McNeil, of the first Baptist church in Winnipeg will preach in Rev. Rabenstein's church next Sunday morning and evening. He is a fine speaker, with discourses full of fire and savor.

J. C. Wangin, of Winnipeg, is in town.

Engaged.

[illegible] pain horse contest [illegible] critical position with [illegible] last to witness the p[illegible] Gilbert's finished [illegible] very local talent. M[illegible] expressed [illegible] talent as [illegible] play [illegible] work to [illegible] the films was their [illegible] part and clever in [illegible] present the p[illegible] which profession [illegible] All of the amateurs [illegible] perfectly at home [illegible] they was none of t[illegible] which often mars the [illegible] amateurs. Every one [illegible] the ability required for the [illegible] of the characters [illegible]

putting forth their energies in an endeavor to learn the art, and so far succeeding well. The boys crew promised to develop into some thing pretty fast, but the upsetting incident of Sunday has formed one of the members to abandon rowing. The big four have got their crew up, and are now endeavoring to [illegible] wind. The four oared shell has been taken out occasionally, but the practice boat is very much overweighted at present, being kept going nearly every day and part of the night. The [illegible] affairs will be remedied in [illegible] days when the lapstreak and a double shell will arrive. The crews will be picked out according to the time they have [illegible] and are disposed to row, and a good stroke will be assigned to each man who will endeavor to pull his oar. It is expected from the [illegible] members who are rowing this year, which is by no means the entire membership of the club, that at least eight [illegible] crews will be picked [illegible] will practice daily. The [illegible] accommodation of the [illegible] will be enlarged, and a [illegible] will be erected on which members may [illegible]. This will be necessary to accommodate the large number of members. Everything is to be fitted up in the most approved style. The boats have been here on time, but the [illegible] Rainy season, but was [illegible] ly in coming that it was a surprise. However there are a number of new practicing, and a great many [illegible] the new lapstreaks arrive when [illegible] will disappear to make [illegible] and singles are seen in their place of attention, and there will be [illegible] last work done before the season [illegible]

[illegible] members who [illegible] this year:

H. Moore, Jas. Baker, [illegible] Ross, W. L. Moran, Dr. Schuyler, [illegible] A. Toole, M. Beaudro, C. A. Chesterton, A. McDonnan, H. Langford, Thos. Walsh, L. Johnson, M. Simmons, M. Scott, Miller, G. A. Kobold, J. Beaudro, T. Phillips, S. Griffin, M. Hopkins, Dr. Laidlaw, F. Bowman, M. Frances, M. Campbell, A. Young, H. Harvey, W. Johnson, A. Plunkett, A. Swanford, E. VanKoughnet, F. Cubbe, E. Farwell, J. F. McGillvray, R. W. Smith, N. Fricker, G. McPherson, H. Marshall, C. Clark, A. Island, Barclay, S. Burton, T. Hooper, A. S. Cuthbert, H. M. Sutherland, J. McCarthy, H. Hyndman and J. Borowman.

Retail Clerks.

The Retail Clerks' Association is working hard to secure early closing and no doubt will succeed in getting their desire. They are at present working with the town people getting them to petition the merchants for early closing. If this is done which seems likely and the merchants are agreeable, the council will be asked to pass a by-law to close the stores at 6 o'clock with the exception of Saturday night. It is just as well to have a move made in this direction as it is

singing the choruses; Miss Wood played the marches; Mr. Moor was chairman. The two entertainments netted the boys a neat sum so that they will be able to take an outing at camp.

GOLD PANNER

Work Being Rushed Mill Now Nearly Covered In.

Work at the Gold Panner mine is progressing as rapidly as men and money can do it under the hands of Manager Hall. The big shaft house is so constructed that the ore from the bucket is run over a grizzy to the crusher and from there a short tram takes it to the mill. The mill has a capacity of from 30 to 35 tons per day with a drop of 100 per minute. A cyanide plant has been purchased and will be put under charge of Mr. Smalley. The stamp mill is now nearly all enclosed and will be ready to drop stamps by the first of June. President Kyle says he will have some bricks in town from the first run by July 1st. The shaft is now 90 feet deep and the bottom shows free gold all the way across. The shaft is all in ore which is pretty good evidence of the size of the vein. Drifts are being run at the 75 foot level and as soon as the 150 foot level is reached two more gangs will be put to work there drifting. It is expected from the showing and the size of the vein that it will be a simple matter to keep enough ore ahead by simple development to keep the mill going without touching any reserve. The Gold Panner will soon be a bullion producer and in our opinion it will be no small one.

Let's Not Forget the Famine.

While we're thinking of the war
Let's not forget the famine,
Starvation rules as ne're before,
Let's give a little mammon.

We've given to the red cross fund.
We have given for the war;
But let us help poor India round
Let us give a little more.

Prosperity reigns with us here,
For which we should be thankful;
Thousands are dying for the mere
Want of a little handful.

A little mite then let us send.
What we can easily spare,
The little help that we can lend
Somebody - life may spare.

V.N.W.

The C.P.R. has a gang of surveyors trying to decrease the grade between Winnipeg and Fort William so that it will be possible to make faster time. This is a move in the right direction.

The construction train has started running to the gravel pit at Margach, where the steam shovel is now at work. The gravel will be used in the Rat Portage yards and for filling in one or two bridges. The improvements will make Rat Portage one of the finest and best equipped divisions on the C.P.R. system, so we are informed by Trainmaster Brown.

revealed two stars in Mizar the spectroscope showed that the brighter of the components was itself made up of two stars. In photographs taken at the Harvard observatory in 1889 the K line in the spectrum of Mizar appeared double. In other plates the line was single; in others it was hazy. A close scrutiny of all the plates showed that the line was double at intervals of 52 days. This proved to astronomers that the brighter component of Mizar was really two stars. A spectroscope takes cognizance of the motion of a star to or from the earth. When one star begins to approach and the other is recede from us, the lines in the spectrum of the approaching star will be displaced toward the violet end, while those of the receding star will be displaced toward the red end. The lines will at first appear hazy, but when the approach and recession of the stars reach a maximum the lines will appear double. The calculated distance between the components of Mizar is about 143,000,000 miles, and the brilliancy of the star is estimated to be over a hundred times greater than that of our sun.

A number of other photo-spectroscopic multiple stars have been discovered recently. With the Lick telescope and spectroscope 14 have been found. This method of discovery came about from the use of the spectra to determine the velocity with which stars approached or receded from the earth. The North Star, it was found a short while ago, is now shooting earthward at a velocity of 16 miles a second. Two of the suns of the North Star triplet revolve about each other every four days, and these two swing about the third.—New York Sun.

New Rule In Dancing.

Any fond youth who cherishes ideas of pressing the lily hand of his sweetheart in the mazes of the dance during the coming winter may at once relinquish that ambition. It is hopelessly out of date. Henceforth he will waltz and "two step" with his left arm pinned to his side, while the fair one employs her right hand to hold up the train of her gown. The train is de rigeur, no mere affection of a train, but a sweeping flow of silk and satin, and surreptitious squeezes under its sheltering folds are strictly forbidden.

This was the edict of the American Society of Professors of Dancing in convention assembled in New York recently. The suggestion that this arrangement would encumber the dances with all the disabilities of a rudderless ship was powerless to revoke it. Truly the new gown will entail a train of woes.—New York World.

A Wonderful Map.

The map of France in stone which the Russians are preparing for the Paris exhibition is a remarkable specimen of the lapidary's skill. It shows each individual department in colored jasper, while the sea is represented by lapis lazuli, the rivers by platinum and the 106 towns marked by precious stones. The countries bordering on France are given by gray jasper, and 14 islands are represented by stone of the same color as that used for the adjacent mainland. The map rests on a marble slab about three feet square, and it is proposed to inclose it in a silver frame.—Westminster Gazette.

garden lot on East Third street. For terms etc., apply to D. H. Currie, Town Hall.

TO RENT—5 roomed house and 2 lots; also 5 roomed house and 3 lots with large barn suitable for dairy, on Rideout Estate. Apply to Mrs. Wiggin, box 71. 38-tf.

FOR SALE—A small fishing tug. Apply to The Marks-Clavet-Dobie Co., Port Arthur. tf

FOR SALE—A lot of splendid Baxter Boats, in good condition. I have either to give up my position on the C.P.R. or the boating business. I have decided to stick to the C.P.R. J. R. Bunn, manager of the Hudson's Bay store has kindly consented to sell the boats for me, so intending purchasers will do well to see Mr. Bunn before purchasing elsewhere. L. L. McPHAIL, Proprietor. 36 tf.

NOTICE.

The Royal Scarlet Chapter in connection with L.O.L. 1652, will open on MONDAY, May 14, 1900, at 7:15 o'clock p.m. sharp, at the Lodge Room for the transaction of general business.

W. McCANNON, C.S.

Cor. Matheson & Fort Sts.

GOD'S MIRACLE OF LIGHT.

Marvelous mystery, God's miracle of light!
With scarce a stirring of the soul's surprise
Note we the sunshine's arrow as it flies—
That pulsing shaft of pure, pellucid white:
Broken in beauty through the raindrop's might;
Painted in glowing spectrum on the skies,
Seeing, yet blind, with numb, accustomed eyes!
Toil, tired heart, and read the message right,
Voiced mutely by that oracle sublime!
Grief of the world and glory of God's heaven,
Epitomes of one the other we divine;
Light for its great analysis is driven
Through the rain prisms. Tender, blessed sigh!
Tears are interpreters to us are given.
—Hester Caldwell Oakley in Woman's Home Companion.

THE CAT OR THE COMET

Which Was Responsible?

What was that? A confused noise, as of shattering glass, a heavy fall and then a pistol shot, all at once.

Then Aunt Samyra rapped on the floor and called to me in excited tones through the keyhole:

"Alicia Dean! Alicia Dean! Get up and dress, quick! There are burglars up stairs!"

Fortunately I was already dressed, having sat up later than usual that night, waiting for my [illegible] Susan Ellen to come back [illegible] concert.

So I opened the door at [illegible] as I did so Susan Ellen ab[illegible] my arms, looking white and [illegible] and almost ready to drop.

Aunt Samyra appeared a [illegible] later, her hair done up in [illegible] papers, armed with a lighted candle, a revolver and a poker.

I got possession of the revolver immediately; not that I expected to do any more good with it than she could, but I hoped to do less harm.

"Susan Ellen," said I in a stage whisper, "did you see anything of the burglars as you came in?"

But Susan Ellen seemed so paralyzed with fear that she was incapable of answering and simply clung to me, left arm like a frightened child, [illegible] from head to foot.

"Now, girls, follow me, and don't make a sound!" commanded Aunt Samyra, ascending the stairway [illegible] by her bedroom of curl papers [illegible] candle, and the poker in the other.

We followed at a safe distance and [illegible] to Susan Ellen on the way [illegible] shot seemed to have come [illegible] Uncle Ralph's room, and I was [illegible] the robbers had hurt him, [illegible] would have come to our rescue [illegible] this time.

She opened her mouth to answer, but her teeth chattered so that she could not.

We saw that Aunt Samyra had stepped in front of Uncle Ralph's door and was making ineffectual attempts to unlock it.

By accident I had the key of my room in my hand, having unconsciously [illegible]

result was that Susan Ellen had not finished the windows.

"But it was so warm," she wound up with another burst of tears, "I did not think it would matter to leave out one sash, and I meant to clean it and put it in today."

I understood now why it was that Cousin Susan was so powerfully affected by the death of a great uncle whom she had never seen till yesterday. She thought if she had not left out that window sash the murderer could not have gained entrance.

Aunt Samyra employed the finest detectives to clear up the mystery, but it remained a mystery still.

"Alicia," said my aunt about six months after the murder, "what is your theory on this subject?"

"I have none," I answered, "unless it was a case of suicide."

"Impossible!" she ejaculated.

"What sort of mood was he in when he bade you good night?"

"Very bright and cheerful."

"How long was it after he left you before you retired?"

"I hadn't retired at all, but was putting up my hair in curl papers when I heard the pistol shot and went after you."

"Then you heard the report of the pistol shortly after he bade you good night?"

"I did."

"And you say he was in a bright, cheerful frame of mind?"

"Yes; he went off in a laugh about being in the top story, saying he could get a better view of the comet, which was then attracting the attention of every one, as he would be so much nearer to it."

At the end of this conversation I was as much in the dark as I had been at the beginning.

But one thing had been borne in upon my mind very forcibly of late, and that was the change in Susan Ellen. Ever since that memorable night she had been a different girl and seemed only the shadow of her former self.

I attributed this state of things to a morbid, oversensitive conscience which could persist in attaching great blame to herself for having left out that window sash. One phase of her character, however, I was at a loss to account for, and that was her sudden and unaccountable aversion to the cat, which had taken to Aunt Samyra's pet [illegible] cat.

Formerly, I recall, she had been the cat's great [illegible] and many a time had [illegible] a cat with pussy, but now she [illegible] shuddered if the animal [illegible] against her.

But it was many years before I discovered the cause of her aversion. Aunt Samyra was dead; [illegible] died and been buried [illegible] teaspoons under the [illegible] back yard; Susan [illegible] Mr. Wentworth, the young man who had been her escort to the comet the night of Uncle Ralph's death, the old home had been broken up and I was drifting about the world in an aimless way.

Susan Ellen had invited me to spend a week with her, and her husband was away on business. We had [illegible]

BREVITIES

PERSONALITIES.

Ex-Governor Hogg wears a 22 inch collar.

Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes is said to inherit much of his father's wit and conversational powers.

Marshall Field is to build and present a fine library building to his native town, Conway, Mass.

The king of Sweden travels as Count de Hava. It was under this title that he staid at Cannes last season.

General Leonard Wood is partial to cigarettes, rarely smoking cigars, a fact which commends him to the Cubans in his province.

General von Rack und Polack will succeed General Count von Schlieffen as chief of the general staff of the German army after the autumn maneuvers.

Herr Riggenbach, who introduced the cogwheel railroads that have enabled tourists in Switzerland to do their mountain climbing without effort, died recently.

J. B. Frye, one of the oldest residents of Virginia, died recently and was buried, according to his wish, in a walnut coffin made with his own hands from an old tree on his farm.

Guthrie, O. T., has a 15-year-old lawyer. His name is Frank H. Burford and he was recently admitted to practice, though he has not yet been graduated from the Guthrie High School.

A Washington friend of Admiral Dewey says the great sailor is a splendid wit and story teller. He can also spin a yarn of his own experience which would rival the wildest fiction.

John Ruskin has not had his photo graph [illegible] for 30 years, and John Hare [illegible] itself to be caught by [illegible] This was at the [illegible] of Queen Victoria.

Ge[illegible] for many years [illegible]

Couldn't Spring That on Them.

"Now, children," said the visitor who was addressing the Sunday school, "let me give you a simple illustration of what faith is. You see my watch chain. You would not have the slightest hesitation, now, in asking me what time it is, because you have faith that I have a w[illegible]

"No [illegible] s," re[illegible]

A Card.

We [illegible] hottle [illegible] W. [illegible] after [illegible] and [illegible] tion and Hydrolene. We want that [illegible] the most [illegible] Consumption. Sold [illegible] pay when Well. Lyons [illegible] used Lyons's Pills. [illegible] Rat Portage, Ont. J. L. Wood, Druggist, Rat Portage, Ont. J. Werner, Druggist, Rat Portage, Ont.

come from Uncle Ralph's room, and I was afraid the robbers had hurt him, or he would have come to our rescue [illegible] time.

So I urged her again to answer, but her teeth chattered so that she could not.

We now saw that Aunt Sam[illegible] had stopped in front of Uncle Ralph's door and was making ineffectual attempts to rouse him.

By accident I had the key of my room in my hand, having unconsciously taken it out after opening the door to Aunt Samyra. This key I now applied to Uncle Ralph's lock. The door opened readily, and Aunt Samyra stepped in, but sprang back instantly with a cry of horror, for Uncle Ralph lay on the floor under the window with a pistol beside him.

It did not take me many minutes to decide that he was dead with a bullet through his heart.

After becoming convinced of this fact all my nerve left me. While gazing vacantly about with dazed eyes, vaguely conscious that Aunt Samyra was sobbing and that the cook, who had just come on the scene, was uttering horrified ejaculations, I felt some one pull my sleeve. It was Susan Ellen.

"Take me away," she said. "It's chilly up here."

"It is chilly," I answered, drawing her arm through mine.

Then I noticed that a strong gale was sweeping through the room and that the upper sash of the window was up.

"Look!" I said. "No wonder we are cold!"

But she paid no attention.

After I had put Susan Ellen to bed and managed to get her warm and quiet with the assistance of smelling salts and a glass of wine I went back up stairs.

I had already decided in my own mind that Uncle Ralph had been murdered by a burglar, but the detectives found the room so much in disorder that they, for on the dressing case lay the watch and the purse of the murdered man. Nor, after a thorough search could I find even a pin missing. Of course we had a coroner's inquest, which developed the fact, which we already knew, that "Ralph Meredith had come to his death at the hands of a party or parties unknown."

When the verdict had been rendered, I turned to the scene of the murder and made another investigation. Under the window I discovered some bits of broken glass. On examining the window itself I not only found that the upper sash was out, but that one pane of glass in the lower was missing. As I talked to Drew my conclusions from these circumstances I went back to Susan Ellen and told if she supposed the murderer had carried off the upper window sash.

She burst out crying hysterically, and for a long time I could get no answer out of her at all. But it transpired at last that when Aunt Samyra had been apprised of Uncle Ralph's unexpected visit the day before she had sent Susan Ellen up stairs to get his room ready. Susan Ellen, thinking she had plenty of time before his arrival to clean the windows, took out the sashes—they were old fashioned windows—in order to wash them.

But Uncle Ralph got in two hours ahead of time, having come on an earlier train than he expected. The [illegible] aversion [illegible] Aunt Samyra was [illegible] pussy had died and been buried with many tears under the cherry tree in the back yard; Susan Ellen had married Mr. Wentworth, the young man who had been her escort on the concert the night of Uncle Ralph's death, the old home had been broken up, and I was drifting about the world in an aimless way.

Susan Ellen had invited me to spend a week with her, and as her husband was away on business we had ample opportunity for the exchange of long confidences about old times.

One night as we sat by the fire the subject happened to turn on Aunt Samyra's old yellow cat. I asked her why it was that she took such a sudden and unaccountable aversion to that poor animal.

"It is something I have often wanted to tell you," she answered, "but somehow always shrank from doing so. At first I was afraid, and afterward I just kept putting it off, as I knew I ought to have done at first. You remember the night Uncle Ralph was killed?"

"I certainly do."

"Well, that evening I went to a concert with Mr. Wentworth. We got home about 10:30 and I stood talking at the front gate a little while, he meanwhile calling my attention to the comet. I felt guilty standing at the gate, for Aunt Samyra had often told me not to do so, and just now I glanced toward the house expecting to see her poking her head out of the window, looking at me. Instead, two curious objects in Uncle Ralph's window caught my eye.

"You remember it was such a bright moonlight that one could see very distinctly. You remember also about my washing the windows. The bottom sash was in, but propped on a piece of broom handle so as to take the place of the top sash, leaving the bottom of the window open.

"Now, then, on this window sill, walking backward and forward, looking at the comet, too, I suppose, was Aunt Samyra's old yellow cat, while Uncle Ralph, with his head poked out from the window, was also regarding the comet with rapt intentness.

"My first feeling was one of guilty dismay. He was looking at the comet now, to be sure, but if he were to glance in my direction and then to tell Aunt Samyra!

"While I hesitated what to do pussy began rubbing herself against the piece of broom handle that held up the window. The broom handle, I am afraid, had been put up in a very slanting, insecure fashion. I realized this in a flash as I noticed Uncle Ralph's pistol lying on the window sill. And I had barely realized it when the broom handle slipped, the window came down on the pistol, and I distinctly heard the shot and know the rest."

She paused and took a deep breath.

"And now I want to know which was responsible for the murder, the cat or the comet?"—Chicago Times-Herald.

Explained.

"I don't see how the defendant, who is very short and fat, could have hugged the plaintiff, who is remarkably tall and thin."

"She explains it by saying he folded her in a warm embrace."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Messiah craze at Rosebud and Pine Ridge agencies in 1890, attained notoriety by appearing among the excited Sioux and announcing himself their Messiah, has been adjudged insane.

Governor Powers of Maine, who owns timber lands in the North Woods, was asked by a Baltimore commercial man the other day if he thought the pulp business was destroying the Maine forests and promptly answered, "No. That's my answer to you. No! Let them cut all they want."

What Worried Him.

Beggar Woman—This cough bothers me so.

Pianist—Bothers you? It bothers me more because you cough an octave too high.—Fliegende Blatter.

A Sudden Affluence.

"I have returned."

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"When you refused me because I was poor," he said, "you little knew what I was capable of."

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"For the last three weeks," he said exultingly, "I have been head waiter at a [illegible]."

ROSES AND RUE.

I sit in the shadow alone, sweetheart,
Your roses are scenting the air,
And I dream of our love tryst so long ago
Down in the garden there.
Marigolds, hollyhocks, prince's feathers
Bowed low in the dim, soft light,
As under the willow tree by the gate
I kissed you and said, "Good night."

Ah, sweetheart mine, with the pale, mute lips,
We have had our measure of rue;
The clouds were dark and the skies were fair,
But you forever were true.
And now as I sit in the dark alone
I would give the world to know
The way through the years to that faroff field
Where simples for heartache grow.

Love fades, they say, when the pulse is old,
And I am threescore and ten,
But what I have learned with its bitter loss
Is far beyond your ken;
For tomorrow they bore you away, sweetheart,
[illegible]
[illegible]
And kiss you and say, [illegible]
[illegible]

The Three O'Clock Man

A Ghost That Was Banished by Resolution.

Carl Westerly left the office at a quarter to 3 o'clock. There seemed not to be the remotest danger of rain that night, and the telegraph man had long since sent in his "stuff." For some reason or other Westerly was more than ordinarily tired. Perhaps it was his spirit that was weary. He was tired of [illegible] and relentless grind of newspaper work, tired of the newspaper point of view, tired of the seamy side of life. He [illegible] and a home [illegible] [illegible] of his distant [illegible] alone kept [illegible] It was an unavailing [illegible] must have [illegible] Westerly did not [illegible] himself as [illegible]

[illegible] He [illegible] [illegible] of three o'clock [illegible] the best part [illegible] nothing of the [illegible] and reverent, and [illegible] to dwell also [illegible] So, when [illegible] overwork and ennui [illegible] on this particular [illegible] in sight, and he [illegible] had just missed [illegible] watch took [illegible] after the cable [illegible] the [illegible] He loitered for [illegible] some vehicle might [illegible] the streets seem[illegible] [illegible] paused a moment [illegible] picturesque[illegible] with the ligh[illegible] murky waters fro[illegible] high window, he start[illegible]

[illegible] struck 3, and Weste[illegible] [illegible] his reverie, looked [illegible] a man just before him [illegible] to have come up ou[illegible] [illegible] of the bridge. He [illegible]

[illegible] society. But there is no need to go into that. The point is, he found out these two gratifying matters in one day and, walking home in a state of considerable exultation, noticed the Three o'Clock Man with less impatience than usual.

"Our acquaintance is ended, my uncanny friend," he thought. "Tomorrow you may keep tryst, but I will not. I will walk abroad at Christian hours and leave you to your unholy habits." Thinking these things, he passed the creature, and it seemed to him that the smirk on his face was even more than usually offensive.

So sure was he that the unwelcome acquaintance with this man was over that he did not even look from his window that night to see if he was [illegible] ing, but, putting out his light, [illegible] himself in his bed with more of [illegible] ness in his mood than he had [illegible] for years. He fell into a light slumber, from which he was aroused by the impression that some one was looking at him. He opened his eyes and [illegible] into the gloom, a gloom [illegible] mitigated by a street [illegible] the street, which, owing to a lifted [illegible] shone clearly into the room.

"The feeling that some one was [illegible] at him grew to a [illegible] Westerly's sleep [illegible] the tall and careless [illegible] Three o'Clock Man [illegible] If the man had [illegible] to him before, he seemed [illegible] He seemed to convey [illegible] threat by his presence. What was it? Madness?

Westerly gave it no [illegible] he felt the moment had [illegible] He determined [illegible] effort to free hi[illegible] self. [illegible] convinced that [illegible] would [illegible] in the presen[illegible] So, with an effort that took [illegible] from his [illegible] and brought [illegible] upon his [illegible] Westerly [illegible] himself, staring [illegible] at [illegible] Three o'Clock Man [illegible] his [illegible] slowly advanced [illegible] now in the face of a [illegible] it is sometimes [illegible] with Westerly. [illegible] went on, facing each other, [illegible] lacking. Westerly [illegible] muscle set, every [illegible] heart and soul and [illegible] Across the room [illegible] each other more [illegible] and showing their [illegible] distorted faces, wrestl[illegible] wrestle with their [illegible] went out of [illegible] failed from West[illegible] gone. By some [illegible] to dodge Westerly [illegible] forever. Hardly [illegible] his bed, panting [illegible] in a frantic [illegible]

"I must tell Lisa [illegible] thinking as [illegible] condition, but [illegible] "But, after [illegible] the next morning, "she [illegible] love me. Perhaps I [illegible] the strange matter of the Three o'Clock [illegible] quite to himself."

[illegible] he did. So it [illegible] the Three o'Clock Man [illegible] go Tribune.

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[illegible] nat[illegible] men and [illegible] a heap, and [illegible] was left [illegible]

[illegible] of the rear [illegible] from the [illegible] means of escape [illegible] wounds caus[illegible] ed by [illegible] every exit was jammed [illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible] a wo[illegible] man [illegible] and [illegible]

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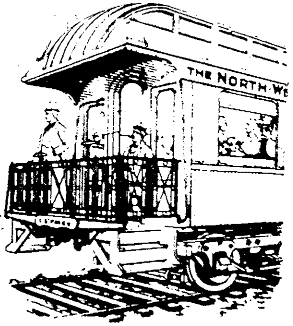

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Mr. Jos. Armstrong, of the Dominion Fish Co., returned from Selkirk last week and will look after the business of the company as usual this summer.

day May 9th. The following were elected directors for the coming year, Jacob Hose, T. R. Deacon, J. W. Humble, Mr. Bronchly, J. O. Dauphin and R. G. Dowsett, at a subsequent meeting of directors the following officers were elected: Jacob Hose, president; John Bronchley, vice-president; T. R. Deacon, Sec.-Treas. and Russell E. Dowsett manager. Work has been started up at the yards and the company expect a prosperous year.

Mr. Richard Thompson has just about completed a neat little cottage on Coney island. The genial secretary of the hospital will now have a splendid place to entertain his numerous friends. He has been busy every evening the past week planting a vegetable garden in the rear.

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W. Clary is suffering with an attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

The charge against Philip Lawrence of supplying liquor to Indians last fall was heard this week and dismissed, one of the witnesses in the case having died and the other could not be located.

The regular session of the town council will be held Monday night next.

The three Canadian contingents in South Africa have lost 56 by death and 100 wounded.

~~Hall is sick.~~

Duncan & Co's feed store is now located at its old stand on Second St., and Wm. King is occupying part of the building with his harness shop.

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~~Hall is not well.~~

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~~Hall is my tailor.~~

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The Alma T is now running on White Fish lake.

Several settlers from the east have gone into the Rainy River country this week.

The Public School Board will meet on Tuesday evening next in the town hall.

D. A. Pender, treasurer of the hospital, acknowledges receipt of $250 for the hospital from the Ladies' Hospital Aid.

The Shamrock and Lotta S. are now making daily trips to the Whitefish and Camp bays and Sturgeon lake districts. A great many supplies are being taken to the mines in those districts.

The practice for the oratorio Ruth to be given in the Presbyterian church in the near future, is progressing very well. Mr. Sutherland is taking a great interest in it and his efforts are ... Mr. Carpenter is the ...

D. L. Mather employs between 10 and 20 men at Vermilion bay getting out ties and trimming them up ready for ... He has a wonderful piece of machinery for trimming up the ends. They will handle about 250,000.

~~Quick Meal Oil Stove for sale at Jacob Hose's.~~

H. H. Hellots, of Gretna, N.D. is in town on a visit to his partner, A. Vidden. Their store has been fitted up and they are now doing business at the same old stand. Al is a hustler, and evidently believes in the adage, "Strike while the iron is hot."

D. Simpson, of the Interstate Gold Mining Co., arrived at Wabigoon this week. He will spend the summer looking after the development of the company's properties in the Manitou, known as Big Master Group No. 2. Machinery has been taken in and development will be steadily and systematically pursued. The location being developed is known as the Mike Noonan claim, and good results are being obtained.

Miss Fahey arrived last week from Toronto, and has taken a position with the Citizens' Telephone & Electric Co.

Weekly Hospital Report.

R. Thompson, secretary of the Rat Portage Jubilee respectfully submits the following report for the week ending May 5, 1900:

Under treatment last week	[illegible]
Admitted during week	[illegible]
Discharged during week	[illegible]
Deaths during week	[illegible]

Items of Local Interest

Quick Meal Oil Stove for sale at Jacob Hoses.

E. F. Head, architect, has removed his office from the Vercker block to the Fullerton block, corner Fort and and Mathyson streets.

Mr. Jos. Armstrong, of the Dominion Fish Co., returned from Selkirk last week and will look after the business of the company as usual this summer.

~~Hall is my tailor.~~

The secretary of the Royal Jubilee Hospital acknowledges with thanks the receipt of $11 donation of the Old Time Curlers per Dr. Schnarr.

Divine service at Lily hall next Lord's day at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. "The question of the Age" will be the subject in the evening. All are welcome.

Quick Meal Oil Stove for sale at Jacob Hoses.

~~Hall is my tailor.~~

T. Davison has purchased Cobb's hotel at Ignace and will take possession next week. The hotel is a splendid three story stone structure and is in good favor with the travelling public. Mr. Davison will conduct it on the most advanced lines and will undoubtedly meet with success.

Adjourned annual meeting of the shareholders of The Rat Portage Brick Company was held in the law office of Allan McLean on Wednesday. They also have the contract for painting the new Bredon block.

The Scott & Hutchison Building Co., Limited are not going to have their premises destroyed by fire if possible. They will hand e about 250,000.

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H.H. Hellofs, of Gretna, N.D., is in town on a visit to his partner, A. Vin-

report for the week ending May 5, 1900:

Under treatment April 28	7
Admitted during week	2
Discharged during week	0
Deaths during week	0